

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4-8, and 13 were finally rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,546,847 to Poe et al. ("Poe"). Claims 3 and 9-10 were rejected as being obvious over Poe in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,621,259 to Jones et al. ("Jones"). Applicant appreciates the indication that claims 11, 12, and 21-24 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant has amended claim 11 to be in independent form, including the limitations of any intervening claims. Claims 1-10 and 13 have been canceled. Claims 25-27 have been newly presented for consideration. Since the application is currently under final rejection, Applicant presents these claims together with a Request for Continued Examination enclosed herewith with the appropriate fee. Claims 25-27 are believed to be patentably distinct from that disclosed and/or suggested by the art of record. A review thereof is therefore requested.

In light of the present remarks and amendments, it is believed that claims 11, 12, and 21-27 are in condition for allowance. Allowance is respectfully requested for these claims.

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